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Parks and Recreation Citizen's Board Training - June 17-18, 2014

Location: Montgomery Bell State Park

Registration fee: \$40

Registration Deadline: June 2, 2014

Recreation Educational Services (RES) will conduct a training workshop to educate citizens and local governments on the importance of parks and recreation citizen advisory boards, and how to create an effective and active board. This workshop also covers important contributions the boards provide in the delivery of quality parks and recreation programs and facilities.

Whether you want your Park Board to be more active or effective or greatly desire to create a Park Board in your area, this training is for you. For more information and registration, click link below.

[2014 Citizen Board Training Registration](#)

2014 Governor's Environmental Stewardship Awards Program:

<http://news.tn.gov/node/11859>

<http://tn.gov/environment/gov-awards.shtml>

See the 2013 Awards and the website is active with the new 2014 nomination forms.

Categories for Parks and Recreation or Greenways and Trails folks to consider are Land Use, Natural Heritage and Environmental Education.

Nomination must be submitted electronically and the deadline is March 31, 2014.

Please apply for these very important state environmental awards as the more nominations, the better.

Presentations of the awards will occur in June, 2014.

Legacy Parks Foundation (LPF): Urban Wilderness Project:

<http://www.legacyparks.org/projects.html>

This trail system is now 42 miles long and is composed of both hard and natural surfaced trails. The LPF is the catalyst for cooperation between multiple government agencies, local landowners, local businesses and many other organizations to make project happen. The Wood family donated 100 acres of land adjacent to the South Doyle Middle School and the LPF has partnered with the Appalachian Mountain Bike Club (AMBC) to develop this property with more trails. They have applied for and received a Recreation Trails Program grant for a total project cost of \$250,000. The volunteers of the Appalachian Mountain Bike Club (AMBC) will be working hard to build these trails and will get credit of all the hours spent.

Coalition for Recreational Trails

If you have funded a trail project using the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), you will want to apply!

This is an opportunity for you to nominate your RTP grant project and receive some National Promotion.

The Coalition for Recreational Trails is seeking award nominations for its 2014 Recreational Trails Program Achievement Awards. Nomination must be submitted electronically and the deadline is March 28, 2014. The Awards ceremony is held in Washington, D.C. in June each year.

See <http://www.americantrails.org/awards/CRTawards.html> for more information.

TDEC-Recreation Educational Services Division

<http://tn.gov/environment/recreation/index.shtml>

The 2014 grant cycle was announced on January 13, 2014 for the federal funded Recreational Trails Program (RTP), state funded Local Park and Recreation Fund (LPRF) and federal funded Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

The press release is at: <http://news.tn.gov/node/11879>

Over 150 people participated in the three regional workshops in Knoxville, Nashville and Jackson, TN to learn about the different grant programs and what is eligible. Application deadline is April 11, 2014 at 4:00 pm CDT at the RES office in Nashville. For more information or questions, call 615-532-0748.

3rd Annual Tennessee Bike Summit: May 14-16, 2014, Nashville Tennessee

Registration is open and the early bird registration of \$65.00 is only good through April 14, 2014. After that date, fee goes up to \$85.00. To see the schedule, review the speakers and to register, visit:

http://www.tnbikesummit.org/?utm_campaign=TN%20Bike%20Summit&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_content=Bike%20Summit#schedule

The Tour De Nash is the next day on May 17th and will be a great event to participate in after the Summit.

2014 National Trails Day (NTD): June 7, 2014

<http://www.americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/>

Registration for your NTD event is now open for 2014 so start planning your event and get it registered! Take a hike, paddle a water trail, do trail maintenance, build some new trails, take some kids into nature, lots of great activities fit into and can be an NTD event.

Tennessee had 105 events and activities recorded for 2013 and that placed us 5th in the nation, just behind Texas (4th) which had 106 events. To see the Final Report for the 2013 NTD, go to:

<http://www.americanhiking.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/NTD-2013-Final-Report-small-2.pdf> .

Tennessee Historical Commission (THC), The Courier, February 2014 Edition

https://www.tn.gov/environment/history/docs/courier_feb14.pdf

For those folks who are interested in history, the Feb. 2014 issue was just released! You can also find older editions at: https://www.tn.gov/environment/history/history_courier-newsletter.shtml . Check the Courier for important information about the many state and federal programs managed by the THC.

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<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/recreation/>

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